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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Dec. 28.—A merry Christmas is now about ending for our little city, everything passed very pleasantly, no one seen drunk and perfect order prevailed through the holidays. However the weather behaved a little rough Saturday evening, by being somewhat stormy, which kept some at home who wish to attend the exercises given at the Lutheran church by the intermediate Sunday-school class.

Santa Claus got busy sometime during Friday night and visited the homes where there were little children and made his gifts; the children were up next morning ahead of the usual hour to see what Santa had brought; they were made happy by their presents and were soon out showing and telling what Santa had brought.

The grown-ups made a merry time by receiving and giving to and fro. All stores resumed their regular courses Monday, the banks opened Tuesday.

All enjoyed the visits and good wishes that were extended and regret very much that Christmas is now one year hence.

Many visitors came to town to spend the holidays, some at home, others with friends and relatives. A few of the visitors are as follows:

Miss Grace Moore and Mr. T. B. Moore, students of Carlisle school, Bamberg, came down last week; Miss Grace was at home, Mr. T. B. was with relatives.

Mr. Joe L. Hiers, of Cordova, came last Thursday to be with his home folks during the good times.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Jackson, of Charleston, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hiers, of Florence, visited their home folks.

Mr. L. C. McKenzie, of Charleston, visited friends and his little daughter, at Mr. H. Ehrhardt's.

Miss Maude Farrell, of New York, visited her sister Mrs. J. L. Copeland.

Mrs. Miller, of Charleston, was a visitor of Mrs. Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Carter motored down and spent Sunday with Mrs. Carter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberts.

Messrs. H. J. Hiers, Stacy Kearse, L. M. Smith and Prof. S. C. Paysinger motored up to Columbia Friday, returning the following Sunday.

Miss Edna Dukes, of Rowesville, who has been with J. M. Kirkland & Co. this fall as bookkeeper, left for her home last week to spend the holidays, thence to Brunson, where she has accepted a school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Copeland spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Delk, of Bamberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Moore, of Holly Hill, arrived Sunday for a short visit to his brothers and sisters and to shake hands with a few old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Griffin returned from their bridal tour last Thursday and are now at home at the Ehrhardt hotel.

The Carolina Gin company management says business was not rushing much with them this past season and that they have now shut down until the 1916 crop comes along.

Miss Helen McDowell, of Fairfax, is visiting her friend, Miss Genie Ramsey.

Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Groseclose, of Fairfax, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Hucks, and Mrs. J. B. Ehrhardt.

Mr. T. W. Davis and son, Willie, employees of the DuPont Powder Co., at Hopewell, Va., are at home for the holidays. JEF.

Country Correspondence.

Happy new year to all. The holidays have passed very quietly in our midst.

Miss Kate Kornegay, who teaches Hampton school, is spending the holidays with relatives in the upper part of the state.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mrs. J. T. Smoak, hope she will soon be out again.

Miss Georgie Emma Jordan, who teaches at Salem, is spending the holidays at home with her mother.

On Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. S. W. Goodwin, his daughter, Miss Ebbie, was married to Mr. Connor W. Smoak, the Rev. W. R. McMillan, of Bamberg, performing the

life time ceremony. The attendants were Miss Inez Morris, of Ehrhardt, with Mr. Elige Goodwin; Miss Alberta Goodwin with Mr. Oscar Crider. A great many presents were offered to the happy young couple. They will make their home with the groom's parents. We offer them the very best that life can hold out.

Denmark Dots.

Denmark, Dec. 24.—Misses Ruby Guess, Blonde Barton, Lillian and Doris Goolsby are at home for the holidays from their respective schools.

Miss Lula Bess Wroton is at home from Columbia college.

Mrs. H. W. Goolsby and daughter, Frances, of Hartsville, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Dorothy Hart, of Estill, is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Crum.

Misses Ruth Seymour, Louise Zeigler, Agnes Goza and Kathleen Fogle are at home from Winthrop.

Miss Christabel Mayfield has returned home for the holidays from Greenville Woman's college.

Samuel Ray arrived home Tuesday night from Charleston college.

Cope Cullings.

Cope, Dec. 27.—The Cope graded school closed for the holidays on Wednesday, and the children are all enjoying their holiday.

Miss Flora Edwards, teacher, left for her home in Dillon that afternoon, and Miss Barta Hill, the other assistant teacher, left Thursday morning for her home in Edgefield.

The following young ladies are home for the holidays from the various colleges: Misses Mary Thomas, Lucile and Lillian Tatum, of Winthrop; Elise Gray, of Due West; Avis and Elma Thomas, of Ashville Normal Collegiate Institute; Miss Vera Thomas, who teaches at Appleton, is also here.

Mr. John May Tatum, of S. C. M. A., is home for the holidays.

Mr. N. Gerard Thomas, who is connected with Clemson, is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. Claude Hayden, professor of horticulture at Raleigh, N. C., is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Pru Barnett, of Pendleton, is here on a visit to his sister, Mrs. S. B. Cope.

Mrs. L. C. Rumph, of the faculty of Lander college, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Cope.

Messrs. Willie E. Smith and James Mahon, of Columbia, were down for a couple of days' hunt, and stopped with Mr. Smith's brother, Wade H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bennett, of near Cope, have gone to Savannah for the holidays.

Mr. C. C. Stewart, superintendent of the Cope graded schools, left this week for his home at Fountain Inn.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist church on Christmas night was much enjoyed by all present and especially the little folks.

The weather was so blustery and disagreeable that not only a great many persons, but even old Santa Claus himself, was hindered from reaching there. However, Mr. Dowie and three assistants were all kept busy for over an hour filling Santa Claus's place.

There was preaching at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Joe L. Hiers, and last night at a short service Messrs. Francis H. Pickering and W. F. Waite, Jr., were ordained deacons.

On yesterday afternoon after the Sunday school exercises at the Methodist church, Rev. E. H. Beckham delivered his first sermon to a rather small but appreciative congregation.

Mr. W. O. Tatum, Jr., and family of Providence, are over for the holidays at Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Tatum, Sr's.

Mr. Dan Griffith, of near Bamberg, spent the past two days with his brother, Mr. G. E. Griffith.

WAS GLENN SPRINGS SOLD?

Controversy Over Sale Apparently Not Yet Settled.

Spartanburg, Dec. 23.—Whether the Glenn Springs hotel property will be delivered to C. P. Wofford, attorney, and at what price is still a question. The sale of the property, on Monday to Mr. Wofford for \$60,000 was followed by a peculiar situation, said by Mr. Wofford to be a misunderstanding of the terms of the sale. The property was offered for sale subject to \$64,000 first mortgage bonds and after the sale it was found that there was a misunderstanding as to whether the amount offered was net or over and above the bonded indebtedness. The owners of the property are said to hold that the property brought \$124,000.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading.—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Capt. W. E. Gonzales, United States minister to Cuba, and former editor of the State, Columbia, spent Christmas in Columbia with relatives and friends.

At a special term of court held at Pickens Monday Pete Hamilton, colored, was found guilty of criminal assault on a prominent lady of the county and was sentenced by Judge T. J. Mauldin to be electrocuted on February 4, 1916.

George P. Morrow, night watchman at the Wymojito mill, Rock Hill, and a highly respected citizen, was found dead in his chair in the engine room Monday morning. The clock showed that he had made the midnight circuit and had sat down to read a paper.

Henry C. Cuttino, a well known real estate dealer and collector, of Sumter, committed suicide in an out-house in the rear of his own home Thursday morning by shooting himself in the head with a 38-calibre revolver. The doctor who was summoned stated that the wound was sufficient to have caused instantaneous death.

Joe Beckham, a negro who lives on the plantation of Mr. Thomas Humphries, a few miles from Gaffney, shot his wife Sunday at his home. The woman is at the city hospital in a critical condition, her intestines being punctured in several places. The physicians in charge say, however, that she has a chance to recover. Beckham claims that the shooting was an accident.

Frank Foster, who Sunday afternoon is alleged to have shot and instantly killed John Hayes, a young farmer, of Polk county, North Carolina, while Hayes stood in the road between two young ladies at Felman's farm, four miles west of Tryon, gave himself up to Sheriff Hill, of Polk county, and is now in jail at Columbus. The excitement following the tragedy has subsided.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM.

E. D. Ferrell, of Spartanburg, Dies by Asphyxiation.

Spartanburg, Dec. 27.—E. D. Ferrell, until recently an agent of the Carolina Insurance company, was found dead in the room of his apartment, No. 153 Carlisle street, shortly before noon today, having come to his death by inhaling gas from a range in the room. The body occupied a chair down near the stove, over which he had thrown the bed covering, and under which he had wrapped his face and head. The gas was still flowing, but physicians who were summoned, expressed the opinion that he had been dead more than twelve hours.

Mr. Ferrell was last seen Sunday afternoon as he entered his house. His wife and a daughter 17 years of age are said to have left last Friday to spend the holidays in Columbia with friends with the understanding that Mr. Ferrell would join them later. The Ferrells came to Spartanburg four months ago, it is understood, from Gainesville, Ga. Very little is known of the family here, except that Mr. Ferrell was connected with the Carolina Life Insurance company until within the last three weeks, during which time he has not been employed.

Despondency over financial affairs is supposed to have been the cause of his act.

YOUNG BANDITS ROB BANK.

Attempt to Carry Off \$4,000, But Are Caught.

Hugo, Okla., Dec. 27.—Two youthful bandits late today robbed the Bank of Grant, at Grant, Oklahoma, of \$4,000, but were overtaken and captured a few minutes later by Cashier Webb, of the bank, who liberated himself from a vault, into which he had been forced by the men. Both of the men were wounded in an exchange of shots with the cashier. All of the money was recovered, and the men, who gave their names as Claude Jones, 23, and Arthur McFarland, 17, were brought to jail here tonight.

Webb overtook the men as they were about to board a train and when they ignored his command to surrender, opened fire with a shotgun. Jones probably will die. McFarland also is seriously wounded but it is believed he will recover.

DIES BY OWN HAND.

Well Known Man Commits Suicide in Fit of Despondency at Saluda.

Saluda, Dec. 26.—George C. Wheeler killed himself here this afternoon at 4 o'clock by firing a shot from a revolver through his head, the bullet entering just above the right eye and emerging at the back of the head. The killing took place in the office of his stables on Main street.

It is believed that a fit of despondency and nervousness was the cause of the act. No one was near at the time of the killing. The deceased was found by his son, Claude Wheeler, and Erie Barnes about 20 minutes after the shooting took place. He was then in a dying condition and survived only a few minutes.

At the inquest held this afternoon by Magistrate Ramsey the following verdict was found: "The deceased came to his death by pistol shot fired by his own hand voluntarily or involuntarily."

George C. Wheeler had for many years been one of the county's foremost and most prominent citizens. He was a man of wide business interests and was identified with every movement for the upbuilding of the town and county. He was one of the first mayors of Saluda. Mr. Wheeler was 56 years of age and was born and reared in Saluda county. He leaves his widow, who was a Miss Werts, of this county, and the following children: L. E. Wheeler, J. J. Wheeler, J. C. Wheeler, Miss Eva Wheeler and Willette Wheeler, of Saluda, Clarence Wheeler, of the University of South Carolina, and Miss Mae Wheeler, of Columbia college.

The burial will be held Monday afternoon at Travis park cemetery.

FORD LEAVES EXPEDITION.

Says Movement will Continue Under Auspices of Peace Association.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 24.—The Norwegian liner Bergensfjord, with Henry Ford on board, sailed for New York this morning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the Women's International Peace association. The Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, also sailed from Bergen on the Bergensfjord.

Before leaving Christiania for Bergen Mr. Ford wrote out the following statement for the press:

"I am satisfied with what has been accomplished in Christiania. Peace has been given publicity. Newspapers have power to end the war, for it is through publicity that the gospel of peace is spread."

"Norway is like every other country. The people are all right."

In announcing at Bergen the circumstances under which the expedition would be continued, Mr. Ford said a committee had been appointed to act as leaders. It consists of Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver; the Rev. Dr. Jenkin Lloyd, of Chicago; John Barry, of San Francisco; Lieutenant Governor Andrew J. Bethea, of South Carolina, and Louis P. Lochner, of Chicago, Mr. Ford's secretary.

Christiania newspapers say that in view of Mr. Ford's departure no prominent Norwegian will join the expedition.

Lieut. Gov. Bethea Quits Party.

Stockholm, via London, Dec. 26.—Andrew J. Bethea, lieutenant governor of South Carolina, will leave the expedition tomorrow on account of personal business. Mrs. Boissevain plans to start for Holland at the same time.

A meeting of the members of the Ford peace commission last night resulted in a disagreement over the mode of procedure, and Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain announced her withdrawal from the expedition. Mrs. Boissevain explained that she was compelled to abandon the peace trip and would leave immediately for home.

Henry Ford, on departing for America, had appointed seven delegates to carry on the work of the expedition. These delegates, the Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, chairman, announced the plans without reference to the general meeting. Mrs. Boissevain protested. She described the peace plan as nebulous and vague, and said that when the peace ship left New York Mr. Ford had no definite plans, but that she hoped later that one developed. She said this had not materialized and instead there were dissensions and misunderstandings. She expressed the belief that the expedition was doomed to failure because of un-democratic principles of a small group, including Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, in controlling opinion.

SUBMARINES AGAIN ACTIVE

TEUTONS' SUB-SEA BOATS EVINCE GREAT ACTIVITY.

Parliamentary Situation Continues Full of Rumors of Possible Cabinet Changes.

London, December 27.—The departure of the Indian army from France for "another field of action" was the most important feature of the day's news, so far as the British public is concerned. Whether the new field of action is Egypt or Mesopotamia, is not announced. In both these theatres there are presumably already considerable bodies of Indian troops.

It is assumed that the places of the Indians in France have been filled by drafts from the new armies raised on the soil of the United Kingdom.

In connection with tonight's announcement it is worth noting that larger and more important share the youthful Prince of Wales is taking in the business of the empire. It is expected that the British public, both home and colonial, will read with a peculiar sense of national pride the king's words to the Indian veterans: "Before you leave France I send my dear, gallant son, the Prince of Wales, who has shared with my armies the dangers and hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name."

Conflicting Reports.

The Turkish official communication sent out today, which contained claims to successes in the Egyptian theatre, called forth an official denial from the press bureau, which states that there has been no fighting between the British and Arabs except a British attack on the principal Arab force near Mersa Matur, and that the Arabs' force "was dispersed with trifling loss to our troops."

The Turkish version says that the Turks took the offensive and killed three hundred British, but the remainder to flight and captured a quantity of booty.

The news from the other war fronts continues to show no important developments. The Russians are winning successes against weaker enemy forces in Persia; the British in South Persia have had some severe fighting with the Turks without materially altering the situation; the allies at Saloniki contemplate their nearly completed fortifications with the utmost satisfaction; on the west front there is little to report except minor artillery and bombing operations.

Submarine Activity.

The resumption of Teutonic submarine activity is evidenced by the sinking of a half dozen ships in the past twenty-four hours, with the loss of eighty lives in the case of the French steamer Ville De Le Clotat, while two boat loads of the crew are missing in the case of the Belgian steamer Ministre Bernaert.

Although today was a holiday in England the members of the British cabinet returned hurriedly from the scenes of their Christmas festivities for an important meeting at which were discussed the Derby recruiting scheme and other matters which must be threshed out when parliament reconvenes.

The parliamentary situation continues full of uneasy rumors and some changes in the cabinet are being widely talked of.

There is a possibility that Sir Edward Grey's health may compel him to leave the cabinet, although he attended today's meeting. The sudden return of Winston Spencer Churchill to England, likewise, is the basis of many rumors. David Lloyd-George, the minister of munitions, received a great ovation from the holiday crowd when he arrived at Downing street for the cabinet meeting.

FRATERNITIES COME BACK.

Will Be Reinstated at Wofford, Says Dr. Snyder.

Spartanburg, Dec. 23.—Fraternalities are reinstated among the students of Wofford college, according to announcement made by Dr. Henry N. Snyder, president of Wofford, in letters received today by parents of students. The letter states that after considering the matter for several years, the board of trustees have come to the conclusion that it would be best for the college to permit students to join fraternities or similar organizations under proper restrictions.

The fraternities at Wofford were outlawed a number of years ago, and a steady fight for their reinstatement has been waged ever since by a certain element of the student body.

FROZEN IN WINYAH BAY.

Thomas Dunmore Dies Despite Companion's Heroic Efforts.

Georgetown, Dec. 23.—Thomas Dunmore, aged 18, was frozen to death in a marsh in Winyah Bay Monday night. Dunmore, with an older negro, had been to North Inlet in a small boat oystering. They did not leave the oyster beds until very late in the afternoon, and on their way home were overtaken by the heavy snowstorm of Monday. The snow was so heavy that the boatmen were unable to determine directions. They cast about helplessly for hours unable to effect a landing. They finally touched a small marsh opposite the Baruch place. Dunmore was very nearly frozen when they reached the marsh. The other boatman gathered marsh grass and made a bed for him and covered him with the boat sails. Under this covering and on this wet bed the two spent the night. At daylight the older man discovered that his companion was dead.

SWALLOWS POISON.

Albert Lacey Drinks Carbolic Acid Before Bystanders Can Prevent.

Anderson, Dec. 28.—Albert Lacey, a white painter, aged 35, committed suicide this afternoon by drinking carbolic acid in the presence of several acquaintances. He had asked one of these for carfare to Belton and then remarked: "When I swallow this, I won't need the carfare." He swallowed the contents of the bottle and then resisted strenuously when four men held him so that a doctor could pour an antidote down his throat. He died within fifteen minutes.

Lacey became despondent while talking with the acquaintances, and this is attributed as the cause of his taking his life. He was separated several years ago from his wife, who is supposed to be living in Columbia now. The county has taken charge of the body.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN CAPITAL.

Woman's Body Found in Street, Supposed Slayer on Bed in House.

Columbia, December 28.—Ada Geddings, a white woman about 30 years of age, was found lying on Sumter street early this morning by Policeman Lee, with her throat cut from ear to ear. Her body was cold when found. In a rear bed room of this woman's house the dead body of Ed White, the night fireman at the State House, was found, a gash in the throat showing that the severing of a jugular vein put an end to his life. The theory of the police is that White killed the woman in a fit of jealous rage and then committed suicide.

White was paroled from the State penitentiary on March 5, 1913, by Governor Bleasdale, after serving part of a life sentence for murder. He was convicted in the Richland county court on March 30, 1899, of the murder of a white woman, and on a recommendation to mercy by the jury was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was about 40 years of age and in the past few months had served as night fireman at the capitol.

The Geddings woman had White arrested by the police on a charge of disorderly conduct, and he was fined for this offence in the Recorder's court yesterday morning, which fine he paid. The woman said he had threatened her life with a pistol. It is stated that a pistol was found in the dead woman's trunk by the police to-day.

The body of the woman was found in the street in front of her home about 3:45 o'clock this morning. The dead man was an inoffensive looking white man and the double tragedy caused considerable interest here this morning. It took place in the 600 block of Sumter street.

White is survived by an aged mother, who is prostrated by the tragedy.

BUB POU IS KILLED.

Body of Slain Man Found on Sidewalk in Early Morning.

Saluda, Dec. 26.—Bub Pou, about 23 years of age, was killed at Ward, this county, last night, and Fred Kneece, also of Ward, is in jail here charged with the killing. Pou's body was found early this morning on the sidewalk in front of the home of J. A. Satcher. Blood stains were found on the floor of Kneece's house. No further details have been learned of the killing. Kneece claims that he knows nothing of the killing.

Pou leaves a young widow, having been married only a few weeks ago.